

Title: Merrill Family Papers

Reference Code: Mss-3172

Inclusive Dates: 1857 – 1990

Quantity: 001.2 cu. ft.

Location: GV, Sh. 030

Abstract: Willard Merrill was born in 1831 and began his career at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. as agent in 1856. Willard became the company secretary in 1873 and held this office until 1885 when he was elected second vice president. In 1894 he became vice president and remained in this position until his death in 1905.

Scope and Content: Collection contains personal papers of Willard Merrill and some of his relatives, as well as information on the family home at 1425 N. Prospect Ave., a three-story Victorian mansion that is over 100 years old.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Collection transferred to the Milwaukee County Historical Society by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. on Jan. 7, 2009 with consent of the original donor. Collection was already arranged and boxed by NML archivist. Finding Aid was created for use in MCHS Research Library and given manuscript number.

Arrangement:

| Folder Heading | Box # | Folder # |
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| Documents: | | |
| General Information/Biographical | 1 | LOOSE |
| Correspondence 1871, 1882 | 1 | 1 |
| Correspondence 1888-1890 | 1 | 2 |
| Correspondence 1893 | 1 | 3 |
| Correspondence 1895 | 1 | 4 |
| Correspondence 1899-1902 | 1 | 5 |
| Correspondence- children 1871-1888 | 1 | 6 |
| Photographs: | | |
| Merrill family album 1870s-1880s | 1 | 7 |
| Merrill family house 1425 N. Prospect Ave. | 1 | 8 |
| Merrill family house 1425 N. Prospect Ave. | 1 | 9 |
| Merrill family house 1425 N. Prospect Ave. | 1 | 10 |
| Documents: | | |
| Merrill family house "case file" correspondence 1990 | 1 | 11 |

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| Family expense books 1883-1903 | 1 | 12 |
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| Photographs: | | |
| Merrill family misc. identified | 2 | 1 |
| Merrill family misc. unidentified | 2 | 2 |
| Documents: | | |
| Official documents and correspondence 1857-1944 | 2 | 3 |
| Commemorative booklet of Willard Merrill 1905 | 2 | 4 |
| Photographs: | | |
| Family album no identification | 3 | LOOSE |
| Clara Merrill and Grace Merrill? 1870s | 3 | LOOSE |
| Clara Dickinson Merrill | 3 | LOOSE |
| 5 women near tepee (Jane Merrill) | 3 | LOOSE |
| Unidentified young woman 1909 | 3 | LOOSE |
| Willard Merrill at his desk NML | 3 | LOOSE |
| Documents: | | |
| Testimonial on 25 th Anniversary Jan. 1898 | 3 | LOOSE |
| Memorial to Clara Merrill July 1902 | 3 | LOOSE |
| Memorial to Willard Merrill Aug. 1905 | 3 | LOOSE |
| Marriage certificate of Sarah A. Merrill to William B. Lennox 1875 | 3 | LOOSE |
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| BOX 4 - (Inside of BOX 3) | 3 | |
| Eye glasses and eye glass case | | |